

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 621 - HB 680

February 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates requirements for state park marinas, campgrounds, golf courses, cabins, gift shops, restaurants, and inns to be self-sufficient through generated revenue. Eliminates the priority schedule for revenue exceeding the required self-sufficiency level of funding to operate such state park facilities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed bill is deleting the legislature's expressed intent that revenue generating facilities at state parks be "self-sustaining" pursuant to the State Park Funding Act of 2004.
- According to the information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the Department has not increased fees for state park marinas, campgrounds, golf courses, cabins, gift shops, restaurants, and inns as a result of the State Park Funding Act.
- TDEC indicates that golf and restaurant facilities were not self-sufficient as defined by law in the past three fiscal years.
- Based on the information provided by TDEC, the Department will not reduce state park fees as a result of eliminating self-sufficiency requirements for marinas, campgrounds, golf courses, cabins, gift shops, restaurants, and inns in state parks, and do not anticipate changing the manner in which the Department operates the park system.
- TDEC indicates that the Department currently increases and decreases fees throughout the year based on market conditions; as a result, any fiscal impact to state or local governments is reasonably estimated to be not significant. In addition, the Department indicates that it has the ability to shift revenue from venues that is operating above the level of self-sufficiency to other venues but with restrictions pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 11-3-306.
- Passage of this bill will allow revenue derived from venues operating above the level of self-sufficiency to shift to other venues without restriction. As a result, some parks, marinas, campgrounds, and other areas may experience an increase in funding as a result of the bill that would not have occurred in the absence of the bill, but there would be an

offsetting decrease in funding to other parks, marinas, campgrounds, or other areas. Any net impact on funding is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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